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SUBJ: UN RESTRUCTURING: CONTACT GROUP REVIEW OF SECTION I

REF: A. STATE 254528; B. STATE 261756

1. ON NOVEMBER 2 CONTACT GROUP REVIEWED SECTION I (GENERAL ASSEMBLY) OF THE CHAIRMAN'S TEXT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL B, U.S. REP SPOKE PRIOR TO THE CONSIDERATION OF SPECIFIC PARAGRAPHS TO STATE THAT THE USG WAS CURRENTLY REVIEWING THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES INVOLVED AND PENDING THE COMPLETION OF THAT REVIEW WAS NOT PREPARED TO TAKE A FINAL POSITION ON THE SECTION. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT WE WOULD INDICATE AREAS OF CONCERN WHICH WERE PART OF OUR POLICY REVIEW AND, UNDER THAT RUBRIC RAISED ALL THE ISSUES CONTAINED IN REFTEL A. THE SUBSEQUENT STATEMENTS, EC-9, CANADA, G-77 NORDICS, AND CHAIRMAN DADZIE INDICATED THEIR "DISAPPOINTMENT" THAT THE USG WAS NOT PREPARED TO TAKE A FINAL POSITION ON THE QUESTIONS INVOLVED AND STRONGLY

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URGED THAT WE COMPLETE OUR POLICY REVIEW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SINCE A DEFINITE U.S. POSITION WAS CRITICAL TO FOWARD PROGRESS IN THIS RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE.

2. THE G-77 PROPOSES TWO AMENDMENTS TO SECTION I: (A) TO REPLACE BRACKETED PHRASE IN PARA 1(A) BY THE PHRASE "AND NEGOTIATIONS/ ON THE GROUNDS THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE A NECES-

SARY PRECONDITION TO POLICY FORMULATION; AND (B) IN PARA 3(A), TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO THE NEED FOR "A MORE BALANCED AND EFFICIENT DISTRIBUTION OF ITEMS" ON THE GROUNDS THAT THIS PHRASEOLOGY HAS A PEJORATIVE CONNOTATION. THEY SUBSEQUENTLY SUPPORTED THE SOVIET PROPOSAL TO DELETE THE BRACKETED PHRASE IN PARA 3(A).

3. THE SOVIETS INDICATED THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT SECTION I WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE BRACKETS IN PARA 1(A) AND THE DELETION OF THE BRACKETED PHRASE IN PARA 3(A). WITH REGARD TO G-77 PROPOSAL, THEY STATED UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT THEY COULD NOT ACCEPT A REFERENCE TO THE "NEGOTIATING" ROLE OF THE GA IN THIS SECTION.

4. EC-9 INDICATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT THE TEXT WITH THE REMOVAL OF ALL BRACKETS. WITH REGARD TO THE BRACKETED PHRASE IN PARA 3(A), THEY (AT OUR INSTIGATION) SUGGESTED WIDENING THE TERMS OF THE REFERENCE TO AVOID THE PROBLEMS CREATED BY SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO HUMAN RIGHTS.

5. CANADIAN REP DESCRIBED THE TEXT OF SECTION I AS "THE BARE MINIMUM" OF WHAT SHOULD BE EXPECTED FROM THIS RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE AND INDICATED THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO DEFEND THE LANGUAGE IN THE DRAFT. WITH REGARD TO THE BRACKETED PHRASE IN PARA 3(A), HE OPPOSED THE G-77 PROPO-  
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SAL TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO BALANCE AND EFFICIENT DISTRIBUTION. HE STATED THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED THE CONCEPT OF UNDERLYING THE REFERENCE TO HUMAN RIGHTS (BRACKETED PHRASE IN PARA 3(A)) BUT IN VIEW OF THE OPPOSITION AROUSED, WOULD NOT INSIST ON ITS INCLUSION IN THE TEXT.  
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